

April 5, 2021

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes  
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., April 5, 2021 at City Hall with Mayor Darel Stuart presiding and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Sherri Linton, Attorney Scott D. Wright, Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

**City Attorney**

Mayor Stuart introduced Attorney Scott D. Wright. Barry made a motion to approve Scott D. Wright as the new city attorney. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Scott took his official oath of office and took his seat at the council table.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the March 1 & 8, 2021 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounted to \$44,530.54, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**City EMC Insurance**

Sherri Linton presented the council with copies of the insurance policy that renewed on April 1, 2021. Sherri explained the premium is just \$300.00 more than last year and since the city is claim free, the city will be receiving a dividend check that should be a couple thousand dollars. She said EMC is the largest municipal insurance company in the state of Kansas. The only question the council had for her was to explain what “inland marine” meant. She said it is the equipment owned by the city. Sherri thanked the council for their business.

**Mosquito Spraying**

The city owns old spray equipment, but was approached by Jesse Mudd asking to spray the town for mosquitos for \$2,000.00 per year. Eldon checked a couple of his references. The council felt it best to have the city crew continue to do the spraying in town. Eldon mentioned they spray the baseball field during the baseball season.

**Code Enforcement**

The council reviewed the written report from James Reed. Barry said Mike Becker contacted him, and Mike would have preferred James to contact him before he mailed the letter requesting him to clean up his property. The council agreed that contacting residents first would be the best practice.

**Resolution #21-2**

Barry made a motion to approve Resolution #21-2 to apply an energy cost adjustment to customers for electric costs incurred during the extreme winter weather event of February 2021. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**Capital Improvement Plan**

The council reviewed the draft CIP public survey form. This survey will find out what Glen Elder citizens feel are the most important infrastructure and facility improvement needs at

this time. Larry made a motion to approve the survey and get it out to the residents. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. The council reviewed the equipment inventory list and rating sheet from Emily Benedick. The council asked Eldon to complete the ratings on the lists. Barry made a motion to approve Eldon completing the CIP rating sheets. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. The next CIP meeting will be held on April 20 at 7:00 pm.

### **Building Permits**

Eldon said all three building permit applications looked good to him. Barry made a motion to approve building permit #21-5 to build a chicken coop and pen for Annette Ybarra at 209 E. Main Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Larry made a motion to approve permits: #21-6 to erect a privacy fence for Richard Ryan at 313 N. Hobart, and #21-7 to erect a grain bin gazebo for Don's Guide Service at 308 N. Hobart. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### **Employee Report**

Eldon informed the council a cross arm broke off at the ball field and smashed four of the baseball lights. He said the lights are so old they can't find globes to replace them. Eldon said they tried to salvage the lights and managed to piece two back together, but he is concerned about putting them back up, 55 feet in the air. He said he found new lights that cost just under \$500.00 each. He said LED lights are too expensive, at \$1,000.00 each, and would look odd with the rest of the older lights. Larry made a motion to purchase and replace the four baseball lights. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Sheila asked if the baseball club could apply for a grant to get all new LED lights. Eldon said he would check with them.

Eldon asked for permission to pour concrete in the west shop. He wants to make a wash bay and the estimated total project cost would be around \$12,000.00. He said the city crew would dig out and form up the 30 by 40 area, and John Senger would have his crew come pour the concrete for just \$1,000.00 in labor. He said this job would be one that would take several months. They would insulate and put-up tin siding around the wash bay. The council asked about a city car wash instead, one that everyone in town could use. Landen mentioned he would rather the shop just have a regular concrete floor and have a city car wash. It was discussed to use the corner lot where the old Conoco station was. The council asked Eldon to bring figures to the next council meeting for a city car wash.

Eldon informed the council he had the old mower advertised on Beloit Buy, Sell & Trade for sealed bids. He said the bids will be opened at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. It was mentioned that the new JD mower will be picked up this week.

Eldon presented the council with information on a new John Deere 5075E utility tractor with a JD 520M loader. The total cost is \$49,000.00, with the lease price at \$52,800. Eldon said this would be a heavier tractor than what they currently have and it would need to be ordered so it wouldn't be here until October or November. He added that this tractor would replace the one they have that has had issues with the tires coming off. The council tabled any decisions on the tractor.

Eldon informed the council he ordered new tires for the backhoe from Thompson Tire. They will cost \$550.00 each.

### **Clerk Report**

The clerk asked about paying Darel Stuart's personal attorney. Darel said his attorney helped him find a new city attorney and he may bill the city for that time. Larry made a motion to

pay Rick Comfort up to \$300.00 for services, if billed. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The clerk informed the council the Tri-State Coalition of Concerned Motorcyclists will be using the square on May 1 & 2. They plan to arrive in the evening on the first and leave in the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The clerk asked if the council would like her to do the budget again this year. The council responded that they would and she asked for permission to attend the League's Finance Zoom meeting on Friday morning, April 16. The council gave permission to attend the meeting and lock the office while in the meeting.

The clerk asked the council to review the transfer of \$30,000.00 from the light fund to the equipment reserve fund.

### **Executive Session**

At 6:55pm Larry made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, attorney and council present. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 7:05pm Mayor Stuart re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

### **Council Report**

The council commented on how well the grass looked in the square for the Easter Egg Hunt.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

*(These are unofficial minutes, until approved at the next council meeting!)*

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk